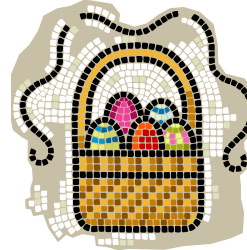




# **Grüss Gott**

*Stuttgart Officer and Civilian Spouses Club*

## **April 2003 Newsletter**



Dear Members,

Well, the hard work is done, now we just have the great job of adding up the profits. Thanks to all of your hard work, we have had our most successful Spring Bazaar ever! We couldn't have done it without each of you volunteering the many hours, baked goods and shopping dollars you provided. I would like to especially thank Sherri Funk and all the great ladies on her bazaar committee for the endless hours they spent, planning, organizing and carrying out this event. A lot of extra work was required this year to prepare for possible changes and worldwide events, but we managed to get through it all. Our efforts in this event provide many organizations on post with the necessary funding needed to make their organization a success. Without the dollars we provide to these organizations many would be unable to perform the services or provide the extras that make this such a great community.

The hard work is done, now for the fun. We would like to invite each of our members to the big thank you bash, AKA Crystal Bingo. This function is for you the member. Our special events Chairwomen, Cordelia Williams and Alisa Armstead, have been busily shopping and buying crystal from all over Europe and it will all be given away to you the members on the evening of April 15. One lucky member will even walk away with a crystal chandelier. WOW!

This is also the evening we will be voting on the new slate of officers that have agreed to serve as next year's Executive Board members. They are a great group of women who look forward to working for you next year.

So, while the Bazaar is over, we still have much to do during the remainder of this year. I look forward to seeing everyone at Crystal Bingo, and thank you, thank you, thank you again, for making this year's spring bazaar such a fantastic event.

Till next time,  
Donni



## OCSC Governing Board Roster

President:	Donni Hodgkins
1st Vice President:	Lisa Hudson
2nd Vice President:	Bonnie Collins
3rd Vice President:	Becky Davis
Corresponding Secretary:	Donna Riehl
Recording Secretary:	Sandy Padrick
Operations Treasurer:	Lori Roop
Welfare Treasurer:	Linda Caton
Welfare:	D'Lynn Phelps
Parliamentarian:	Bobby Kellner
Membership:	Diane Murtha
Co-Reservations:	Londa Gemeinhardt
Co-Reservations:	Kelly Roth
Luncheons:	Liz McKendrick
Programs:	Vacant
Hospitality:	Valerie Rydell
Bazaar Chair:	Sherri Funk
Ways & Means:	Pattie Jones
	Deann Reff
Newsletter:	Kelley Otto
Publicity:	Tracy Neal
Special Events:	Alisa Armstead
	Cordelia Williams
Historian:	Sara Kopf
Tours:	Therese DeSanto
Thrift Shop Liason:	Mary Ellen Lyon



## Honorary & Advisory Board Members

Honorary President:	Marilyn Wald
Honorary Vice President:	Rebecca Sylvester
Senior Air Force Advisor:	Pamela Rassmussen
Senior Army Advisor:	Madelaine Darden
Senior Navy Advisor:	Susan Jaskot
Senior Marine Advisor:	Gail Baczkowski
Senior Civilian Advisor:	Jennie Allen
6th ASG Advisor:	Iris Stubblefield

## OCSC Newsletter

If you would like to submit an article to the May newsletter, please do so by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

You can email your submission to [ottok@6asg.army.mil](mailto:ottok@6asg.army.mil) or contact me at 0711-658-6202.

Thank You,  
Kelley Otto  
OCSC Newsletter Editor

Happy Easter!

## HOSPITALITY

As members of OCSC, we are very important to one another. In light of that, we would like to remember each other on important occasions. If you know of anyone who is ill, injured, had a death in the family, recently given birth, or experienced any other momentous or sad occasion, please let me know, so that I can send a card. Please call Valerie Rydell at 0711-674-0770 or email [rydellm@aol.com](mailto:rydellm@aol.com).

Valerie Rydell  
Hospitality Chair



### **Patch Thrift Shop Needs You!**

Patch Thrift Shop has three paid positions available for the upcoming year: manager, head cashier, and cashier. These are part-time positions involving the Thrift Shop open dates (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and one Saturday per month) and sometimes perhaps a few extra hours. It is a great way to meet many wonderful people and to work with an organization that helps the community in many ways. If it is something that just doesn't work for you right now, please consider mentioning it to incoming neighbors or friends. Employees must be eligible to join OCSC. For more information, please stop by the Thrift Shop for information and applications. Thanks for your help.

Mary Ellen Lyon

Thrift Shop Liaison

[melyon2002@hotmail.com](mailto:melyon2002@hotmail.com)



### **Patch Thrift Shop Welcomes You!**

Patch Thrift Shop is bursting with many new items, so come check us out! If you are PCSing, please ask about our special PCS consignment appointment (you need to sign up and have orders in hand). As always, volunteers are needed and appreciated! We are located in the lower level of Washington Center, and are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (consignments accepted until 1:00 p.m.). Our next Saturday open date is on 5 April, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call DSN 430-5510 or CIV 0711-680-5510.

Mary Ellen Lyon



## WELFARE REPORT

The OCSC Governing Board approved disbursements to the following Private Organizations during the month of February:

ACS  
AWAG  
PAHS Athletic Booster Club  
PAHS Scholar Recognition Program  
PAHS Senior Class  
PAHS Yearbook Committee

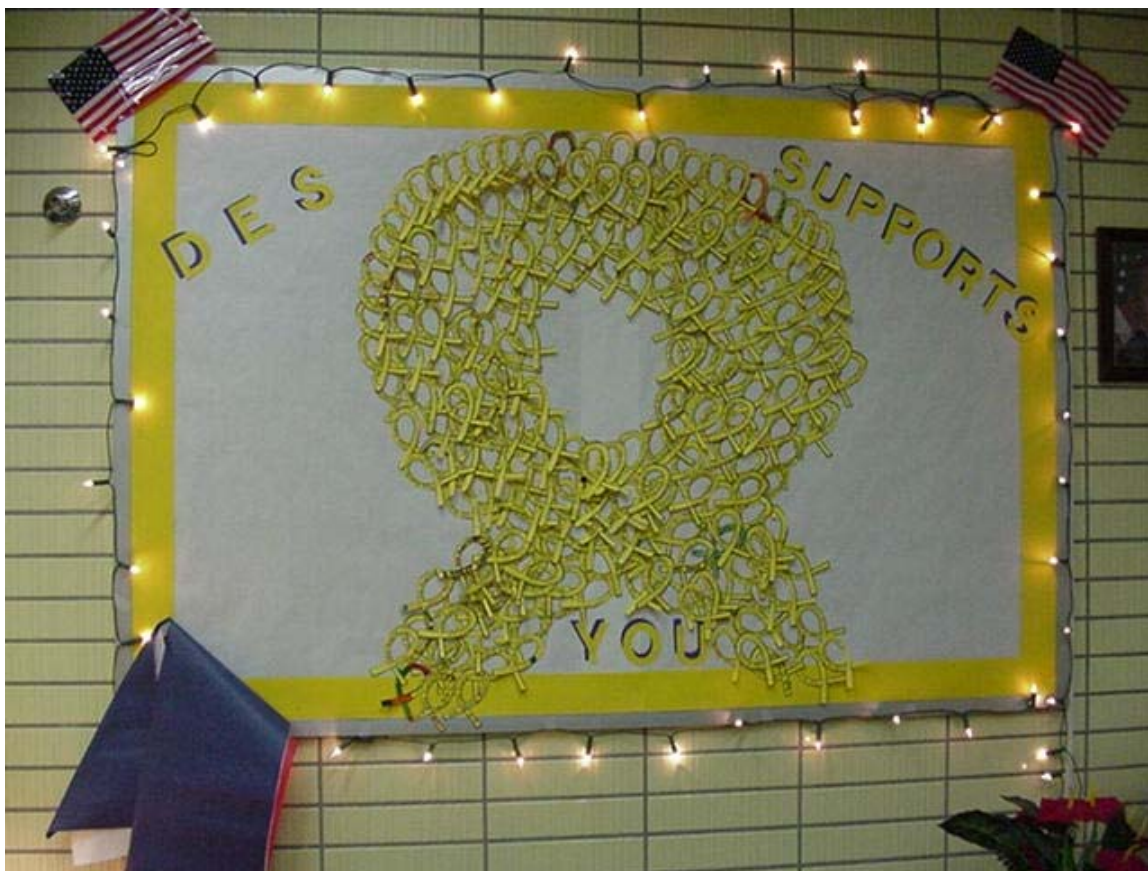


## **BABYSITTER RESOURCE LIST**

The babysitter resource list will be available at the monthly luncheons. Questions? Contact Diane Murtha at [murtha123@hotmail.com](mailto:murtha123@hotmail.com) or CIV 0711-120-8654 DSN 430-8842.



Darmstadt Elementary School



## **TRIPS & TOURS**

Due to the current world situation, we have decided not to pursue other OCSC trips at this time. Once things have settled, OCSC will look at organizing future trips.

# OCSC Crystal Bingo!

**Come on out and have a great time playing BINGO!  
Prizes include a punch bowl, a wine decanter, vases,  
champagne glasses, candleholders, and much more.  
You may even win the grand prize -- a BEAUTIFUL  
CRYSTAL CHANDELIER!!**

*(Sorry, Members only. No new members will be allowed  
to join that night.)*

**Date: Tuesday, 15 April 2003**

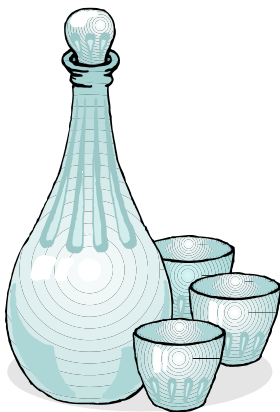
**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Place: Swabian Special Events Center**

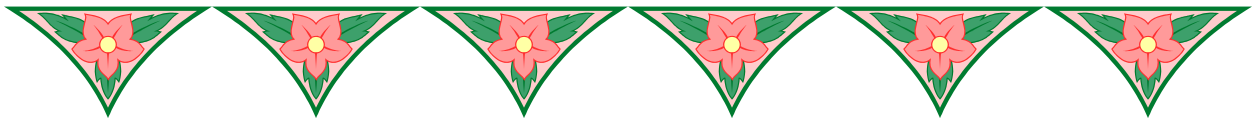
**Price: \$10.00**

**Menu: Heavy Hors D'oeuvres**

**Please RSVP to Kelly Roth, 0711-620-  
4862, or Londa Gemeinhardt, 0711-  
120-8461, gemeinhard@aol.com, no  
later than April 8th.**







## **OCSC ON-LINE RESERVATION POLICY**

**OCSC luncheons** are held on the third Tuesday of each month except for a few special events which will be appropriately announced. Reservations must be made for all OCSC functions. There may be other events where reservations are necessary. A reminder will be in the monthly issue of the "Grüss Gott" OCSC newsletter. Guests are welcome to attend and are eligible for door prizes and chance drawings, however, International Bingo is for OCSC members only. Infant pre-crawlers are welcome at all OCSC Luncheons.

**RESERVATION/CANCELLATION:** A committee has been appointed to take reservations. Reservations must be made by Tuesday preceding the event. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness by calling only between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Should you need to cancel your reservation; you must do so before 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the event. **Unless your reservation is cancelled by e-mail or phone before 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the event, you, the OCSC member, will be responsible for paying the full cost of the event.** If the cost is not paid, the member will not be allowed to attend the Bingo event and loss of membership privileges will be enforced until payment is made in full.

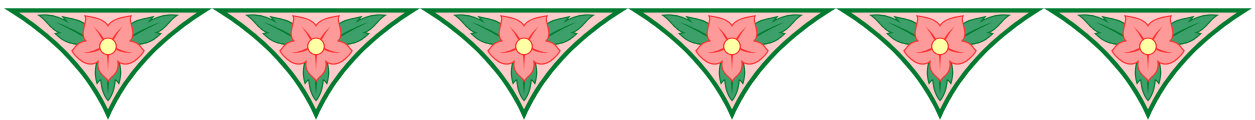
### **To Make Reservations Call or E-mail:**

Londa Gemeinhardt 0711-1208461

[gemeinhardt@aol.com](mailto:gemeinhardt@aol.com)

or

Kelly Roth 0711-6204862



## **Permanent Reservation Policy:**

Permanent Reservations can be made at any OCSC function. To put your name on the permanent reservation list you must pay **\$12** towards your **last** luncheon up front. If you aren't able to attend a luncheon, you must cancel prior to the deadline. If you don't cancel, an email message or phone call will be sent to remind you to pay for your lunch. If you don't send payment for your lunch that you missed prior to that month's reservation deadline, your prepayment will be applied towards your lunch and your permanent reservations will be canceled. If the lunch that you miss is less than \$12 the difference will be considered a donation to the club. This new policy is to help you, the member keep from having to pay for multiple missed lunches!

## Travel Tips

With nice weather comes the desire to get out and see the sights. Here are a few tips for the local area. You can also contact ACS or the USO for more ideas.



## SEE STUTTGART ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

(Starting from the Hauptbahnhof downtown)

<b>S1</b>	<b>Esslingen</b> – medieval town – 14 minutes <b>Obertuerkheim</b> then bus 62 – to Wine Museum – 20 minutes <b>Untertuerkheim</b> – Mercedes Museum – 8 minutes <b>Boeblingen</b> – Congress Hall and the Christophorus Fountain – 21 minutes
<b>S1/S2</b>	<b>Bad Cannstatt</b> – Park and mineral baths – 20 minutes
<b>S2</b>	<b>Schorndorf</b> – Outdoor Market and Daimler birth house – 33 minutes
<b>S2/S3</b>	<b>Waiblingen</b> – Medieval Town with watch tower and museum – 12 minutes
<b>S3</b>	<b>Backnang</b> – Medieval Town with historical church – 31 minutes
<b>S4</b>	<b>Marbach</b> – Schiller's birth house and Schiller National Museum
<b>S4/S5</b>	<b>Ludwigsburg</b> – Castle with garden – 13 minutes
<b>S5</b>	<b>Bietigheim</b> – Historical old town
<b>S6</b>	<b>Leonberg</b> – Castle with garden – 21 minutes <b>Weil der Stadt</b> – walled Medieval Town with Peter and Paul church – 21 minutes
<b>U1</b>	<b>Fellbach</b> – cultural center – 20 minutes
<b>U5/S2/S3</b>	<b>Leinfelden</b> – German card museum – 28 minutes
<b>Bus 92</b>	<b>Solitude</b> – Castle



# **THE STUTTGART PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

Tickets for the transportation system can be purchased from a machine or from a bus driver. The same ticket can be used on any of the forms of transportation: Bus, Streetcar (U-Bahn) or Subway (S-Bahn). The location of the stops or stations are usually easily identified by signs with the following letter designations:

**H** = Bus    **U** = Streetcar    **S** = Subway

## **SINGLE ONE WAY TICKET – EINZELFAHRSCHEIN**

The single ticket is valid for one trip with any number of changes from streetcar to S-Bahn to bus or vice versa, as long as you don't have a break in your journey or change directions, and you move in the most direct way to your destination. To buy a ticket you must know your final destination. Each destination has numbers assigned which you identify on the list and enter into the machine. Press the Einzelfahrschein button (left column for adult 12 and older or right column for children ages 6-11). Pay the price listed on the display screen. Kids under six ride free. A child's ticket must also be purchased for dogs and bicycles. The single ticket does not need to be validated because the time, date, and place of origin are automatically printed on the ticket. You will need to purchase another ticket for the return trip. The cost of a one-way ticket ranges from € 1,50 to € 5,30 for adult and € 0,90 to € 2,70 for children depending on the number of zones traveled to your destination

## **SHORT RIDE TICKET - "K" – KURZSTRECKE**

This ticket is purchased for a one-way trip within the same zone (See the zone map). Price is € 1,10.

## **MULTIPLE RIDE TICKETS - MEHRFAHRTENKARTE**

These have four sections on each ticket. Each section is good for one trip in the inner area, including as many changes to other trains, streetcars and/or buses as required to reach your destination. Find your destination on the list. Enter the corresponding number into the machine and press the Mehrfahrtenkarte button in the adult or children column. Pay the price listed on the display screen. The multiple ticket must be validated before starting the trip. This is done at the entrance to the S-Bahn station before entering the train. On streetcars or buses, the ticket must be validated immediately on entering the streetcar or bus. A multiple ticket may be used by more than one person at the same time. If more than one person is traveling on one ticket, you must stamp a section of the ticket for each traveler. Once the four sections are stamped you will need to purchase another ticket. The cost of the multiple ride ticket ranges from € 5,80 to € 19,70 for adults and € 3,50 to € 10,00 for children, depending on the number of zones traveled to your destination (see zone map)

## GROUP TICKET - GRUPPEN TAGESKARTE

This ticket can be used in any direction within the entire Stuttgart area, as many times as you like within that day. This one ticket is valid for 1-5 adults. In addition to the adults, any children in the group, under the age of 12, may travel on this same ticket. A bicycle or dog may replace one person on this ticket. When purchasing this ticket, simply press the button marked "Gruppen", and pay the price listed on the display screen. There is no need for validation stamp. The cost of the all-day group ticket with unlimited zones is € 12,00. The all-day family ticket can also be purchased for travel within one or two zones only for € 7,50 (gruppen tageskarte).

\*\*\*Maps of the S-Bahn and U-Bahn lines are usually posted overhead or on the walls of each car (a comprehensive map is contained in this booklet). They're generally easy to read because each line is presented in a different color and main stations are highlighted. You find your boarding station on the map and follow the lines to your destination, noting the stops along the way. The conductor calls out each stop as the train pulls into the station. Just count the stops until you get off. It is important to remember that the S-Bahns and U-Bahns travel the same route back and forth. To ensure that it is going in the direction you need to go in, confirm the name of the final destination printed on the front of the train. This also is true for buses.

